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SUBJECT: PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENTS - UN GENEVA.

REF: GENEVA 09876

1. ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING DNEPROVSKY, ET AL, REPORTED REF-
TEL MOST DISTURBING. WE BELIEVE THAT WALDHEIM SHOULD SEEK
TO DETERMINE ACCURACY OF PRESS REPORTS WITH U.K. AND IF
THEY PROVE TRUE TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS VIS-A-VIS ACCUSED
SOVIET EMPLOYEES. EVEN IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE
VALIDITY OF REPORTS, IT STRIKES US THAT DNEPROVSKY'S CRED-
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IBILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS AS UNOG PERSONNEL DIRECTOR IRRE-
VOCABLY DAMAGED. IT WOULD BE UNWISE FOR UN TO LET HIS
UNOG ASSIGNMENT STAND.

2. USUN REQUESTED TO CONVEY ABOVE TO WALDHEIM ASAP AND RE-
PORT HIS REACTION. SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR WALDHEIM
FOLLOW:

-- THE ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING THREE SENIOR USSR EMPLOYEES OF THE UN ARE MOST SERIOUS. IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE ORGANIZATION HE SHOULD INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGATIONS AND TAKE PROMPT AND APPROPRIATE ACTION IF HE IS CONVINCED THAT THE REPORTS ARE VALID. WE SUGGEST HE SEEK TO OBTAIN THE

INFORMATION FROM THE U.K.

-- IN THE CASE OF DNEPROVSKY, EVEN IF WALDHEIM IS UNABLE TO VALIDATE THE ALLEGATIONS, WE THINK IT WOULD BE UNWISE FOR THE UN TO LET HIS UNOG ASSIGNMENT STAND. DNEPROVSKY'S CREDIBILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS AS UNOG PERSONNEL DIRECTOR HAVE BEEN IRREVOCABLY DAMAGED.

-- USUN EARLIER EXPRESSED THE USG CONCERN AT THE DNEPROVSKY ASSIGNMENT TO UNDER SECRETARY DAVIDSON WHO GAVE ASSURANCES THAT THE ASSIGNMENT HAD BEEN STUDIED THOROUGHLY IN THE SECRETARIAT AND THAT ANY RESERVATIONS HE HAD ABOUT THE ASSIGNMENT HAD BEEN REMOVED.

-- IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE ASSURANCES, AND SO AS NOT TO IMPINGE ON THE SYG'S PREROGATIVES IN UN PERSONNEL MATTERS, WE ELECTED NOT TO RAISE THIS MATTER WITH HIM. THE SITUATION IS NOW DIFFERENT. SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN EUROPEAN NEWSPAPERS AS WELL AS IN THE JUNE 30 CONFIDENTIAL

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NEW YORK TIMES. THE ADVERSE PUBLICITY IS HARMFUL TO THE ORGANIZATION AND WALDHEIM SHOULD PERSONALLY INVOLVE HIMSELF IN THE MATTER.

3. FYI - DEPT CHECKING WITH U.K. AUTHORITIES ON VALIDITY OF PRESS REPORTS BUT WOULD PREFER TO HAVE WALDHEIM APPROACH U.K. DIRECTLY FOR DATA. END FYI.

4. INFORM UKUN OF APPROACH TO WALDHEIM ,N ADVYNCE. VANCE

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